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In re application of:

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Art Unit: 1644

Application No.: 09/189,702

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

For: HLA BINDING PEPTIDES AND

THEIR USES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 15, 2000, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendment and remarks. A Petition to Extend Time for response for three months from June 15, 2000 to September 15, 2000 is enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice to subsequent revival.

Please enter the following new claims 7-22:

7. (new) A composition comprising an immunogenic peptide of less than about 15 amino acids in length that comprises an HLA-A2.1 binding motif, wherein the

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